The year-wise Allocation and Release of funds made during the last three years to the state of Assam for improvement of production and productivity of different horticultural crops are as under:

A. Production and Productivity Improvement of different horticulture crops:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Allocation	Release
2003-04	14.00	14.00
2004-05	14.25	8.71
2005-06	13.00	13.00
2006-07	14.00	6.00 (as on date)
TOTAL	55.25	41.71

B. Establishment of Markets Infrastructure -

Year	Allocation	Release
2003-04	-	-
2004-05	-	-
2005-06	2.17	5.62
2006-07	-	-
TOTAL	2.17	5.62

Mobile storage for containing wastage of foodstuffs

1182. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than Rs. 50,000 crore of agricultural foodstuffs are lost annually in the country;

(b) if so, the strategy Government would like to take in this respect;

(c) whether Government would like to make available mobile storage at every village;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) In a study conducted by the Directorate of Marketing & Inspection post harvest losses at producers' level have been estimated to be varying from 1.79 to 7.14 per cent for foodgrains and pulses and from 16.35 to 30.00 per cent in the case of fruits and vegetables. The wastage depends on nature of produce, its shelf life, mode of transportation, packaging, processing, distance from the market, availability of infrastructure facilities like rural godowns and cold storage etc.

(b) The Government has taken the following steps to reduce post-harvest losses in the country:—

Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been development new techniques/systems to minimize the losses in agricultural produce in the country through the Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology, Ludhiana and the All India Coordinated Research Project on Post Harvest Technology. The All India Coordinated Research Project on Post Harvest Tehcnology has 33 co-operative centres located throughout the country to develop regionally differentiated post harvest technology packages for crop, livestock product and fisheries produce in terms of reducing post harvest losses, aiding value to the main produce and by products.

National Horitculture Board, an autonomous body under this Ministry is implementing programmes to reduce post harvest losses by providing investment subsidy on the capital cost of infrastructure projects for post-harvest handling, processing and marketing of horticulture produce. The rate of subsidy is 20 percent of the project cost with a maximum limit of Rs. 25 lakh per project.

The Department is also implementing schemes for construction/ modernization of Rural godowns in the country with a view to provide scientific storage facilities to farmers. Under the scheme, subsidy is provided @ 25% of capital cost of the storage project in general and @ 33.33 percent in case of North Eastern States, hilly areas and Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes entrepreneures. The scheme of Construction of Rural Godown has recently been revised to restrict subsidy on the storage projects for individuals, companies and corporations @ 15 percent of the project cost,

(c) to (e) No, Sir. The Central Sector Scheme of Construction of Rural Godowns being implemented by this Department has no provision to make available mobile storage at every village.

Assistance to Uttaranchal Under NHM

1183. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount provided under the National Horticulture Mission to Uttaranchal during the Tenth Five Year Plan, year-wise;

(b) whether the potential belt has been identified in the State to cover the same under the mission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim since 2001-02 and was extended to Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal during the year 2003-04. The year-wise release of funds made under the scheme to Uttaranchal state during the Xth five year plan is as under:—

Year	Release (Rs. in crore)
2003-04	6.647
2004-05	11.290
2005-06	13.550
2006-07	20.548(as on date)
TOTAL	52.035

(b) and (c) The scheme is being implemented on cluster approach with area differentiated strategies to increase the production and productivity of horticulture crops in the state.